

From: West, Caroline
To: [Bowman, Liz](#)
Cc: [Grantham, Nancy](#); [Graham, Amy](#); [Wilcox, Jahan](#); [Gray, David](#); [Ferguson, Lincoln](#)
Subject: RE: CBS National News Urgent Request
Date: Sunday, September 3, 2017 4:51:31 PM

Let me know if there are any updates with this request.

Thanks!

Caroline

From: West, Caroline
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 3:28 PM
To: 'Bowman, Liz' <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
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We have crews in Houston that would be able to meet up with your staff this afternoon/evening. If Houston doesn't work out we also have staff in DC who would be able to conduct the interview. Whatever is easiest for you all.

From: Bowman, Liz [<mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>]
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In DC or in Texas? Our staff is en route toward Houston so it may be hard to get someone on air today. What time frame are you looking at? And, where?

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Thank you Liz.

Will anyone be available to talk with us on-camera today? We are preparing a report to air

tomorrow morning on CBS This Morning.

Thanks,

Caroline

On Sep 3, 2017, at 2:31 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Caroline – Off the record: As you can imagine, we have had a barrage of requests to visit Superfund sites. We are doing our best to figure out logistics and will get back with you shortly. Thank you – Liz

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Subject: RE: CBS National News Urgent Request

Hi again,

Just wanted to check in on this request.

Thanks!

Caroline

From: West, Caroline

Sent: Saturday, September 02, 2017 5:36 PM

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Liz,

Thank you for sending this my way. **CBS This Morning** remains interested in talking with someone from the EPA on-camera for our report. Is there anyone who is available to talk with us?

Also, you mentioned the San Jacinto Waste Pits site will be inspected soon. Would we be able to tag along with a team to see the process?

I appreciate all your help!

Caroline

From: Bowman, Liz [<mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>]
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Hi Caroline – I want to make sure you have the FACTUAL, CORRECT information on what EPA and other officials are doing to respond to the effects of the hurricane on Superfund sites. The AP's story is misleading and inaccurate. Please see below. Thank you – Liz Bowman, EPA

STATUS OF SUPERFUND SITES IN AREAS AFFECTED BY HARVEY

WASHINGTON (September 2, 2017) – *Despite misleading and inaccurate reporting, the facts are that EPA and TCEQ are working together, along with other local, state, and federal authorities and emergency responders around the clock to address the human health and environmental impacts of Hurricane Harvey and its effects, especially historic and devastating flooding throughout Southeast Texas. With regard to the status of Superfund sites:*

EPA has conducted initial assessments at 41 Superfund sites in the impacted areas using aerial images, as well as direct contact with the parties responsible for on-going cleanup activities. EPA has determined that 28 Superfund sites in the area do not currently show damage or excessive flooding associated with Harvey. EPA determined that 13 sites have been flooded and/or are experiencing possible damage due to the storm. Of these sites, two (Falcon Refinery and the Brine Service) have been inspected and it has been determined that they do not require emergency cleanup; although, additional sampling in the area will continue to be conducted.

Eleven sites, including: Bailey Waste Disposal, French LTD, Geneva Industries/Fuhrmann Energy, Gulfco Marine, Highland Acid Pit, Malone Services, U.S. Oil Recovery, Patrick Bayou, Petro-Chemical Systems, Triangle Chemical, and San Jacinto Waste Pits have not been accessible by response personnel. Teams are in place to investigate possible damage to

these sites as soon flood waters recede, and personnel are able to safely access the sites.

The San Jacinto Waste Pits site has a temporary armored cap designed to prevent migration of hazardous material; the cap will be inspected as soon as it is safe for teams access the site. Based on forecasted river conditions, this inspection is planned for Monday, by boat. EPA has dive teams to survey the cap underwater when conditions allow.

EPA, TCEQ and other authorities will continue to provide additional updates as we gather them. We encourage the community to continue to follow the expert safety advice of local officials.

For additional information from TCEQ, please visit:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes>

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Subject: CBS National News Urgent Request

Good afternoon,

My name is Caroline West and I'm a producer for ***CBS This Morning*** with Gayle King, Charlie Rose and Norah O'Donnell. We are preparing a report regarding the toxic waste sites flooded in Highlands, TX and other areas. Is there anyone available for an **on-camera interview either tomorrow afternoon or on Monday** to discuss this with us?

We are interested in learning when EPA experts will be able to inspect Houston-area sites and what is currently being done. I saw that EPA staff had checked on two other sites in Corpus Christi, just wanted to confirm this with you. If there's any additional information you can provide please send it my way. Also, let me know as soon as possible about an on-camera interview.

My number is **(646) 531-0254**.

Thank you,

Caroline West

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